



Michigan Department of Transportation

Transportation Enhancement Program

Program Information

- Established in 1992 by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as a result of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991
- The Transportation Enhancement program was reauthorized in 1998 in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and is currently up for reauthorization again
- TEA-21 requires that a minimum of 10 percent of Surface Transportation Funds be used for the Transportation Enhancement Program
- In FY2003, Michigan received \$25,000,000 in federal Transportation Enhancement funds
- The Enhancement Program is administered by MDOT's Transportation Economic Development and Enhancement Office

Eligible Activities

TEA-21 specifies the following 12 activities as eligible projects for Transportation Enhancement funding:

Nonmotorized

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education activities

Transportation Aesthetics

- Landscaping and scenic beautification
- Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Scenic or historic highway programs, including tourist and welcome centers

Historic Preservation

- Historic preservation
- Archaeological planning and research
- Establishment of transportation museums
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities

Water Quality & Wildlife

- Mitigation of highway runoff and reduction of vehicle-caused wildlife mortality

Program Requirements

- Act-51 Agencies including county road commissions, cities, villages, transit agencies, and MDOT may apply, other eligible agencies include Native American tribes, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and metropolitan planning organizations, however other organizations may sponsor an application
- Minimum 20 percent local match
- Project must have a transportation relationship

How to Apply

- Online or mail-in application and instructions can be found at www.michigan.gov/tea
- Open application period, approximately two announcements of selected projects each year
- Call the Office of Transportation Economic Development and Enhancement at (517) 335-1069 or visit the webpage for more information